CERL Presents Annual Achievement Awards

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Employees at the **Construction Engineering Research Laboratory** (CERL) received awards recognizing their outstanding achievements during fiscal year 2005.



Hayden

Dr. Timothy J.
Hayden, Champaign,
was named CERL's
Researcher of the
Year for his critical
research on
threatened and
endangered species
at military
installations. His
innovative work
advanced knowledge
for the effects of

human disturbance on free-flying bird species and helped reduce restrictions due to threatened/endangered species on training lands. Hayden is a program manager at CERL.

Dr. Larry L.
Pater, Champaign,
received the James
D. Prendergast
Technology Transfer
Achievement Award
for developing
military noise impact
assessment tools
that private sector
contractors can use
in training range
design and in



Pater

completing Environmental Impact Statements. These products improve the quality and accuracy of work contracted by the U.S. military. Pater is a program manager and researcher in CERL's Ecological Processes branch.

Edward T. Nykaza, Tuscola, won the L.R. Shaffer Research and Development



Nykaza

Achievement Award. He was cited for research that proved people are less disturbed by military blast noise after midnight compared to evening hours. This finding resulted in new curfew guidelines that enable critically needed night

training for U.S. troops. Nykaza is a researcher in CERL's Ecological Processes branch.

Rowena
("Susie") Huser,
Rantoul, and
Kimberly Swan,
Monticello, are corecipients of the
CERL Administrative
Support Achievement
Award. Huser, an
administrative



Swan

Huser

support assistant in the Installations division, was recognized for her customer support and willingness to deploy for Corps of Engineers emergency response. As a program assistant in the Management

Integration Office, Swan was cited for her exceptional customer service in setting up reimbursable funding accounts for CERL's research program.



Mifflin

The Martha A.
Blake Technical
Support Achievement
Award was presented
to **Jeffery A. Mifflin**,
Flatville. He received
honors for his
valuable capabilities
and dedication to the
noise and threatened/
endangered species
programs at CERL,

providing expertise both in-house and at numerous military installations.

Vincent Hock,
Mahomet, received
the Program
Development
Achievement Award
for leading research
efforts under the
Department of
Defense Corrosion
Prevention and
Control Program for
facilities.



Hock